

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 24 – HB 7**

March 5, 2013

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Authorizes Cocke County to levy a privilege tax on litigation filed for all civil and criminal cases held in general sessions court upon passage of a resolution with two-thirds majority by the county commission. The resolution will also set the amount of the tax. Requires any revenue collected to be deposited into the county general fund and used for funding the general sessions court and ensuring the existing courthouse justice center facilities are in compliance with fire codes.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase Local Revenue - \$22,800/Cocke County/Permissive

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004107):** Deletes and rewrites subsection 1 of Section 1 of the original bill. Authorizes Cocke County to levy a privilege tax not to exceed \$4.75 on litigation filed for all civil and criminal cases held in general sessions court upon passage of a resolution with two-thirds majority by the county commission. Requires any revenue collected to be deposited into the county general fund and used for funding the general sessions court and ensuring the existing courthouse justice center facilities are in compliance with fire codes.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from original fiscal note**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Cocke County estimates the tax will be collected on 4,800 cases per year.
- The recurring increase in local revenue for Cocke County is estimated to be \$22,800 (4,800 cases x \$4.75 privilege tax assessed per case).
- Any vote required for passage of the resolution authorizing the tax to be levied can be accomplished at a regularly scheduled meeting of the county commission.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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